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SUBJ: WEEKLY SAUDI EDITORIAL REVIEW (MAY 29 - JUNE 4, 1977)

1. SUMMARY: CONTINUED ANALYSIS OF FAHD U.S. VISIT CROWN PRINCE'S PERSUASIVE POWERS, U.S. NEED FOR SAUDI OIL AND MARKETS, LED CARTER TO SUPPORT COMPENSATION FOR PALESTINIAN REFUGEES; SEVERAL COMMENTATORS STRESS WAR AHEAD IF PEACE NOT ACHIEVED THIS YEAR; IMPORTANCE OF CONGRESSIONAL SUPPORT ALSO RECOGNIZED. CIEC MEETINGS PARIS COVERED EXTENSIVELY IN STRAIGHT NEWS WITH SOME MIXED ASSESSMENTS. ONE PESSIMISTIC COMMENT ON U.S. AFRICAN POLICY. END SUMMARY.

2. POST MORTEM FAHD VISIT: SIX EDITORIALS IN ARAB AND UNCLASSIFIED

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ENGLISH LANGUAGE PRESS 6/1-6/3 CLAIM FAHD VISIT "DEFINED ARAB COURSE OF ACTION FOR YEARS TO COME" (UKAAZ 6/2) FOR REASONS GIVEN IN SUMMARY ABOVE. ABD AL-BARI ATWAN 6/4 AL-MADINA ALSO SEES LACK OF CURRENT SOVIET "PENETRATION" IN MIDDLE EAST AS ADDITIONAL REASON FOR LESS DOGMATIC U.S. SUPPORT OF ISRAEL. ABDULLA BA-KHAIDER 5/31 AL-BILAAD CALLS CARTER'S COMMITMENT TO UN RESOLUTIONS "BOLD" SINCE

BOTH PRESIDENTIAL AND CONGRESSIONAL SUPPORT NEEDED AND LATTER NOT FIRM DUE ZIONIST PRESSURES. "THEREFORE PRESIDENT FINDS HIMSELF COMPELLED TO ASK ARABS TO ACCEPT COMPROMISE ARABS HAVE ALREADY MADE". REDA LARY 5/31 UKAAZ: FOLLOWING FAHD VISIT, "RESPONSIBILITY FOR PEACE BECOMES JOINT VENTURE BETWEEN ARABS AND U.S."

3. PEACE NOW.

SAMPLE COMMENTS; "ALTHOUGH KINGDOM ENCOURAGES CARTER'S PEACE EFFORTS, IT WILL REASSESS POLICY IF WAR BREAKS OUT" (ARAB NEWS, 6/1); ALL PAPERS REPEAT FAHD NEWSWEEK REMARK THAT TROUBLES EXPECTED IF ISRAELI "OCCUPATION" CONTINUES AND ALSO QUOTE MINPET YAMANI THAT WAR WILL BREAK OUT IF PEACE NOT ACHIEVED SOON: "ARABS NOT READY NOW FOR WAR BUT CAN PREPARE FOR IT" (ARAB NEWS, 5/31). SIMILAR VIEWS UKAAZ (5/31-6/7), AL-MADINA (5/31), ARAB NEWS (5/29).

4. CIEC MEETINGS.

"CARTER HELPED NARROW DIFFERENCES AT LONDON SUMMIT AND THIS PAVED WAY FOR PARIS CONFERENCE" (AR-RIYADH, 6/1); "ALTHOUGH VANCE PROMISED US HELP IN CREATING NEW WORLD ECONOMIC ORDER, ADIALOGUE NOT A PANACEA FOR ECONOMIC ILLS" (ARAB NEWS, 5/31). HOWEVER ALL PAPERS QUOTE VANCE AS SAYING "FAILURE AT PARIS UNACCEPTABLE". 5/31 AL-MADINA DID SEE MEETING AS "STEP FORWARD", AND 6/4 ARAB NEWS NOTES "PARTICIPANTS AGREED TO CONTINUE TALKS".

5. AFRICA AND AMB. YOUNG'S TRIP.

IBRAHIM IN 6/1 AR-RIYADH DAILY SEES "COMPROMISE BETWEEN UNCLASSIFIED

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SUPERPOWERS IN AFRICA DOUBTFUL"; "DEVELOPMENTS TAKING PLACE WHILE U.S. FAST ASLEEP", AND AMB. YOUNG'S TRIP "SHOWS U.S. LACK OF CONCERN AS CARTER DEALS WITH OTHER PRIORITIES". JONES

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